

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Planning & Economic Development

AGENDA DATE: April 24, 2012 Consent Agenda

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL

SUBJECT:

Request approval for the Purchasing Manager to reject the bids submitted for Solicitation No. 2012-111R, Establish EB-5 Regional Center, as recommended by Planning and Economic Development Department. Two bids were received: 1) recommend that the first bid be rejected as it offers legal services that can only be submitted through an RFQ; 2) second bid was deemed non-responsive by the City's Staff.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

EB-5 visa program is an immigrant investor program administered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) that provides a method of obtaining a green card to foreign nationals who invest money in the United States. The program allows for the establishment of a Regional Center, an area designated by the USCIS as eligible to receive immigrant investor capital, which identifies projects that promote economic growth.

A Request for Proposal, Solicitation No. 2011-229R, Establish and Operate EB-5 Regional Center, was previously issued on May 3, 2011 and amended on May 23, 2011.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Yes, rejection of bid on September 27, 2011 for RFP No. 2011-229R, Establish and Operate EB-5 Regional Center.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

N/A.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A.

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____

(Example: If RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also). *Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager*

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

**COUNCIL PROJECT FORM
(REJECT BIDS)**

Please place the following item on the **CONSENT** agenda for the Council Meeting of **April 24, 2012**.

Request rejection of the proposals received for Solicitation No. 2012-111R, (EB-5 Regional Center) as recommended by Financial Services Department – Purchasing Division and Planning and Economic Development Department as bids were deemed non-responsive.

Department: Economic Development
Districts(s): ALL

*******ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BELOW*******